

Unfortunately the locations that are requiring vaccine passports have not shown a decrease in spread. Omicron doesn't seem to care but the data does say fully vaccinated are much less likely to be hospitalized or have severe symptoms. Where is the science here?

I am also afraid that if the Elrich proposal is passed as in, in Montgomery County it will not have a positive effect. Fake CDC Vaccination Cards are available all over the internet. It's too easy with no pictures or data that can be matched to picture ID's.

In the past the County Executive and his posse have refused to believe County residents are taking their business to neighboring jurisdictions that have not been as restrictive. It's just not true. Howard County and Frederick in Maryland and Northern Virginia will experience windfall business as they did during the early pandemic.

It is also going to increase expenses to already struggling restaurants. They are going to have to have host, hostess or security guards outside of the restaurant to do passport checks. Too late if server does it at table. Isn't going to help labor shortage asking somebody to stand outside in 30 degree temps to check passports and be abused by people that don't have them.

Finally the mask mandate enforcement has been non existent. The Elrich vaccine passport proposal states no means of enforcement or penalties.

As a restaurant owner I will support a passport program as long as it is equitable and properly implemented. The Erlich proposal will not do that. The Council needs to convene a representative panel of restaurant owners to get this right.

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